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SUBJ: SCM JOINT STATEMENT

FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF JOINT STATEMENT ISSUED AUGUST 27 AT  
THE CLOSE OF SCM:

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1. THE ANNUAL SECURITY CONSULTATIVE MEETING BETWEEN THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA WAS HELD IN SEOUL, KOREA, ON AUGUST 26 AND 27, 1975, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE AGREEMENT OF FEBRUARY 6, 1971, BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, AND AS AGREED AT THE ANNUAL SECURITY CONSULTATIVE MEETING IN HONOLULU, HAWAII, ON SEPTEMBER 23 AND 24, 1974.

2. MINISTER OF NATIONAL DEFENSE SUH JYONG CHUL, SECRETARY OF DEFENSE JAMES R. SCHLESINGER AND OTHER SENIOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND DEFENSE OFFICIALS OF BOTH GOVERNMENTS PARTICIPATED IN THE MEETING. DURING HIS VISIT, SECRETARY SCHLESINGER PAID COURTESY CALLS ON HIS EXCELLENCY

PRESIDENT PARK CHUNG HEE AND PRIME MINISTER KIM JONG PIL.

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3. MINISTER SHU AND SECRETARY SCHLESINGER EXAMINED EXTENSIVELY THE OVERALL SITUATION IN THE ASIAN AND PACIFIC REGION FOLLOWING THE END OF ARMED CONFLICT IN INDOCHINA AS WELL AS THE SECURITY SITUATION ON THE KOREA PENINSULA. NOTING THAT THE SECURITY OF THE

REPUBLIC OF KOREA IS ESSENTIAL TO THE MAINTENANCE OF PEACE AND SECURITY IN NORTHEAST ASIA, THE TWO DELEGATIONS JOINTLY ASSESSED AND EVALUATED THE NATURE AND SCOPE OF THE MILITARY THREAT FACING THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA AND DISCUSSED CONCRETELY THE CAPABILITIES AND READINESS OF THE COMBINED FORCES OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA AND THE UNITED STATES TO DEFEND AGAINST THAT THREAT. IN THIS CONNECTION, SECRETARY SCHLESINGER REAFFIRMED THAT THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT HAS NO PLAN TO REDUCE THE PRESENT LEVEL OF UNITED STATES FORCES IN THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA.

4. MINISTER SUH EXPLAINED IN DETAIL THE ARMED PROVOCATIONS PERPETRATED BY THE NORTH KOREANS IN VIOLATION OF THE ARMISTIC AGREEMENT OF 1953, INCLUDING CONTINUED BUILD-UP OF NORTH KOREAN MILITARY CAPABILITIES AND CONSTRUCTION OF UNDERGROUND TUNNELS WITHIN THE DEMILITARIZED ZONE FOR SURPRISE ATTACK AGAINST THE SOUTH. SECRETARY SCHLESINGER TOOK NOTE OF THE EXPLANATION AND AGREED ON THE NECESSITY OF CONTINUING VIGILANCE TO COPE WITH THE THREAT AND HARASSMENT POSED BY NORTH KOREA.

5. MINISTER SUH AND SECRETARY SCHLESINGER AGREED THAT THE MILITARY CAPABILITIES OF NORTH KOREA CONTINUE TO POSE A SERIOUS THREAT TO THE SECURITY OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA AND THAT IT IS ESSENTIAL TO MAINTAIN THE DEFENSE CAPABILITIES OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA AND TO KEEP THE COMBINED FORCES DEFENDING THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA AT A STATE OF READINESS SUFFICIENT TO DETER THE RENEWAL OF HOSTILITIES AND TO MAINTAIN PEACE AND SECURITY ON THE PENINSULA. MINISTER SUH AND SECRETARY SCHLESINGER AGREED ON THE NEED FOR CONTINUING CLOSE CONSULTATIONS ON PROGRAMS TO ACHIEVE THESE ENDS.

6. THE TWO DELEGATIONS NOTED THE SIGNIFICANT POLICY INITIATIVES UNDERTAKEN BY THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA TO REDUCE TENSIONS AND TO CONSOLIDATE PEACE ON THE KOREAN PENINSULA. THEY NOTED PARTICULARLY THE SPECIAL STATEMENT BY PRESIDENT PARK CHUNG HEE ON JUNE 23, 1973, REGARDING A FOREIGN POLICY FOR PEACE AND UNIFICATION OF KOREA THE PROPOSAL FOR A NON-AGGRESSION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE SOUTH AND NORTH ON JANUARY 18, 1974, AND THE THREE BASIC PRINCIPLES FOR PEACEFUL UNIFICATION OF KOREA AS ENUNCIATED BY PRESIDENT UNCLASSIFIED

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PARK IN HIS ADDRESS ON AUGUST 15, 1974.

7. IN ADDITION THE TWO DELEGATIONS NOTED THE INITIATIVE TAKEN ON JUNE 27, 1975 BY SEVERAL UNITED NATIONS MEMBER STATES IN INTRODUCING A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE TERMINATION OF THE UNITED NATIONS COMMAND IN CONJUNCTION WITH APPROPRIATE ARRANGEMENTS TO MAINTAIN THE ARMISTICE AGREEMENT. THEY EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT THE OTHER PARTIES CONCERNED WOULD RESPOND AFFIRMATIVELY TO THIS CONSTRUCTIVE PROPOSAL. FURTHER, THE TWO DELEGATIONS URGED THAT THE NORTH KOREANS DEMONSTRATE THEIR READINESS TO RESOLVE THE KOREAN PROBLEM PEACEFULLY BY AGREEING TO NORMALIZATION OF THE DIALOGUE BETWEEN THE SOUTH AND NORTH AS CALLED FOR BY PRESIDENT PARK ONCE AGAIN IN HIS STATEMENT ON JULY 4, 1975.

8. SECRETARY SCHLESINGER UNEQUIVOCALLY REAFFIRMED THE UNITED STATES COMMITMENT TO THE DEFENSE OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA AS RECENTLY STATED BY PRESIDENT FORD AND OTHER SENIOR UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS. SPECIFICALLY, SECRETARY SCHLESINGER ASSURED MINISTER SUH OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA OF THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT'S COMMITMENT TO RENDER PROMPT AND EFFECTIVE ASSISTANCE TO THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE MUTUAL DEFENSE TREATY OF 1954 IN THE EVENT OF AN ARMED ATTACK AGAINST THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA.

9. MINISTER SUH AND SECRETARY SCHLESINGER CAREFULLY REVIEWED THE SIGNIFICANT PROGRESS MADE IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE MODERNIZATION PROGRAM OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA ARMED FORCES WHICH WAS AGREED UPON BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA AND THE UNITED STATES IN THE JOINT STATEMENT OF FEBRUARY 6, 1971. SECRETARY SCHLESINGER ASSURED MINISTER SUH THAT THE UNITED STATES WOULD DO ITS UTMOST TO EFFECT THE EARLY AND EXPEDITIOUS COMPLETION OF THE REMAINING PORTION OF THE PROGRAM. MINISTER SUH EXPRESSED HIS APPRECIATION FOR THE SUBSTANTIAL SUPPORT PROVIDED THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA UNDER THE MODERNIZATION PROGRAM.

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FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF JOINT STATEMENT ISSUED AUGUST 27 AT  
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10. MINISTER SUH REVIEWED THE CONTINUING PROGRAM OF THE REPUBLIC

OF KOREA DIRECTED TOWARDS GREATER SELF-RELIANCE IN DEFENSE.  
SECRETARY SCHLESINGER RECOGNIZED THE IMPORTANCE OF THE PROGRAM AND  
PRAISED THE SELF-HELP EFFORTS BEING MADE BY THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA.  
HE FURTHER REITERATED THAT THE UNITED STATES WOULD CONTINUE  
TO HELP THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA ATTAIN ITS GOAL OF SELF-RELIANCE.

11. MINISTER SUH EXPRESSED HIS PROFOUND APPRECIATION FOR THE  
INTEREST AND SUPPORT BY THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT AND AMERICAN  
INDUSTRIES FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF KOREAN DEFENSE INDUSTRIES AND  
DESCRIBED THE EFFORTS BEING MADE BY THE KOREAN GOVERNMENT TO  
DEVELOP ITS SELF-RELIANT DEFENSE CAPABILITIES. SECRETARY  
SCHLESINGER ASSURED MINISTER SUH THAT THE UNITED STATES WOULD  
CONTINUE TO PROMOTE JOINT COOPERATION BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES  
AND TO PROVIDE APPROPRIATE SUPPORT AND ASSISTANCE IN THIS FIELD.

12. BOTH DELEGATIONS AGREED THAT THE NEXT ANNUAL SECURITY CON-  
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SULTATIVE MEETING WILL BE HELD IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
IN 1976 AT THE INVITATION OF THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT.

13. SECRETARY SCHLESINGER EXPRESSED SINCERE APPRECIATION TO  
MINISTER SUH FOR THE COURTESY AND HOSPITALITY EXTENDED TO HIM AND  
HIS DELEGATION BY THE AUTHORITIES OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA, AND  
FOR THE EXCELLENT ARRANGEMENTS WHICH CONTRIBUTED TO THE SUCCESS  
OF THE MEETING.  
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